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- 1. LOCAL DISSIDENT WRITER, VADIM NECHAYEV TOLD CONGENOFF THAT HE AND SOME MOSCOW WRITERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO SET UP A SOVIET CHAPTER OF PEN CLUB INTERNATIONAL AND THAT THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A VISIT HERE BY PEN CLUB REPRESENTATIVE FROM VIENNA FOR THAT PURPOSE.
- 2. COMMENT. ADDRESSEE MAY RECALL THAT NECHAYEV WAS RECENTLY EXPELLED FROM THE SOVIET WRITERS UNION (REFTEL) AND THAT PEN, INCLUDING PROMINENT AMERICAN WRITERS, HAS IN THE PAST DEFENDED THE CAUSE OF EAST EUROPEAN WRITERS IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST CENSORSHIP. END COMMENT. BUCHANAN

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